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WHEN IS THE LAST NOT THE LAST?



You know the answer: When the leader of a program ceases to lead but the program goes on.

For example: On Oct. 5th of this year, I will hold my last session of the Fall Preaching Workshop at Cherry Log. Counting both Spring and Fall Workshops, this will be the 25th. The theme is “Emotion in Preaching” and I look forward to our time together.

But what is of prime importance is that the Workshop will continue on its present schedule, and with strong leadership.

Trisha has already secured unusually capable leaders for 2010, both Spring and Fall. Read her article in this issue of *Milk and Honey* to satisfy your curiosity and whet your appetite.

Last week I was asked by a minister from out of state and coming this Fall for the first time whether I would be leading the Workshop. When I said “Yes”, he continued, “But isn’t your leadership of the program at its end?” I said, “Nearabout.” He said, “What?” I repeated “Nearabout.” Poor fellow obviously struggling with the English language. What will he do with roundabout, hereabout, turnabout, or whereabout? I’ll probably have to explain to him what the Workshop is about. — FBC



Because icy weather kept many of you, who regularly attend preaching workshops, away in March, 2009, reservations must be made by email to craddockcenter@tds.net or by calling 706-632-1772. We are not really very good at guessing whether or not you are coming. Looking forward to seeing you October 5, 2009!—TLS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR HELEN LEWIS LECTURE MARCH 5, 2010



This spring I was given one of the best books I have read in a long time about contemporary life in the mountains of southern Appalachia. *Clay’s Quilt*, the first novel written by Silas House, is full of music, religion and celebration of God and life. He writes about family and the land in such a compelling way that I felt I had made a visit to Eastern Kentucky

when I finished the book.

A day or two later Helen Lewis called to talk about who we might invite to be the lecturer at the March 2010 event. And to my surprise she said Silas House, an Appalachian author, musician, and Eastern Kentucky activist. I should have known Helen Lewis would know this young writer with such immense gifts. Not only does she know Silas House who was born and raised in Eastern Kentucky, but he also received the Helen Lewis Community Award in 2008 for his environmental activism from the Appalachian Studies Association.

Silas House will be an exciting lecturer speaking about mountaintop coal removal and his writing. He will also bring his band for the 2010 Helen Lewis Lecture. This is something you won’t want to miss! — TLS

SINCE WE COULDN’T TALK HIM OUT OF RETIRING AGAIN

We have lined up two outstanding presenters for the Preaching Workshops in 2010. Dr. Eugene Lowry, who has recently retired after serving as a professor of preaching for over 30 years at St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, Missouri, will be the lecturer March 1, 2010. In addition to being a preaching professor, Dr. Lowry is a gifted jazz pianist. So you will be in for a real treat as he gives a keyboard lecture/concert relating jazz and preaching.

The October 4, 2010, presenter will be Dr. Thomas Long, Bandy Professor of Preaching at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, in Atlanta.

Dr. Long came to Candler following Dr. Craddock’s retirement from that position. So you can be sure he is an exciting preacher, professor, and noted author. Watch for more information later regarding his workshop seminar topic. Don’t forget to hold those dates on your calendars so you don’t miss these two unique preaching workshop seminars in Cherry Log!—TLS



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IT LOOKS LIKE WE WILL BE ABLE

To increase our Children's Enrichment Program this Fall, at least that is the news I get from Trisha: Another musician/storyteller for Head Start children. I hope, I hope, I hope.

Those Head Start children have no idea what a treat is in store for them. That is, if the new member of the team is anything like the ones we already have. Have you met them? They are excited and exciting, full of love for children, talented, self-giving, and prepared. When they walk into a room, everyone knows someone just came in and this room is already different.

I read somewhere that if a child, even a child in poverty and neglect, has one adult outside the family who is caring and encouraging, that child's chances of remaining in school and succeeding in life rise sharply. I know that one adult, and I predict that 25 years from now lawyers, doctors, ministers, teachers, good mothers and fathers will stop by the old Head Start school looking for that person who made the difference, just to say "Thank you". I know it will happen. In fact, some of the parents of these children are already, in advance, saying "Thank you".

Even those of you not parents of pre-schoolers are probably now thinking of some way to join in the "Thank you". — FBC

CEP Specialists:

Kim Cheves, Amanda Galloway, Connie Chancy, Tracy Walker and John Beavin.

**Children's Enrichment Program
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I will give ____ scholarships of \$140 per year for 3 years.

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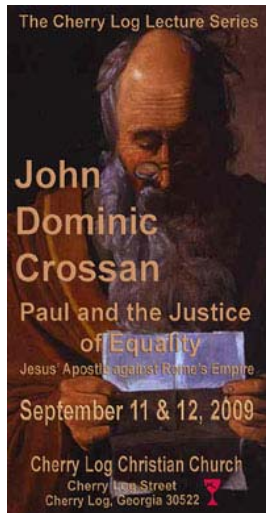


CALLIE J. SMITH, WINNER OF FRED CRADDOCK AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PREACHING

We are pleased to announce the first recipient of this preaching award given by the Disciples of Christ Historical Society in partnership with The Craddock Center. Rev. Smith is serving as Pastoral Associate at Greenfield Christian Church in Greenfield, Indiana, as well as Program Manager of the Office of Lifelong Theological Education at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Indiana. The award recognizes a Disciples minister under the age of 35 who exhibits outstanding skills in preaching. Congratulations, Callie!--TLS



JOHN DOMINIC CROSSAN



Dom Crossan will present three lectures at Cherry Log Christian Church:

Friday, September 11 at 7 p.m.
Lecture I: Empire & the Matrix of Paul

Saturday, September 12 at 9 a.m.
Lecture II: Luke & the Mission of Paul

10:30 a.m.—Refreshments & book signing

11:00 a.m. — Lecture III: Equality & the Vision of Paul

Suggested reading preparation: *In Search of Paul* and *The First Paul*.

To register contact Cherry Log Christian Church clcc@tds.net or phone 706-632-1048

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